UPDATE

Oregon to urge Amendment 2 be tossed

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The state of Oregon will file a legal brief with the U.S. Supreme Court urging the justices to throw out a measure passed by Colorado voters that would prohibit laws that would protect gays from discrimination based on their sexual orientation, Gov. John Kitzhaber announced Tuesday.

Kitzhaber noted that Oregon voters twice have rejected measures that would have barred specific civil rights protections for homosexuals.

Kitzhaber said Amendment 2, passed by Colorado voters in 1992, clearly denies homosexuals equal protection under the law.

The Colorado Supreme Court found the measure unconstitutional, and the case now is on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The brief is expected to be filed in late May or June.

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